

Dr. Seuss was one of the first to understand how a small spark of imagination early in life can lend itself in later years to great discovery and politics. "The Cat in the Hat" was originally commissioned in 1955 after it was found that children were being held back by boring books. Theodor Geisel introduced our kids to Marvin K. Mooney, to the Grinch, and to Cindy Lou Who, to Sam, who would not eat green eggs and ham, to the Yooks and the Zooks, who battled over which side of bread the butter is properly applied.

It is easy, in these times that we find ourselves in, to forget how important it is that simple lessons endure. Even in the midst of these times, parents must remember to read to their children. And we must remember that it is often the lessons found in children's literature that mean the most later in life. After all, C.S. Lewis told us in the *Chronicles of Narnia*, "For this is what it means to be king: to be the first in every desperate attack and last in every desperate retreat. And when there is hunger in the land (as must be now and then in bad years) to wear finer cloths and laugh louder over a scantier meal than any man in your land." And Dumbledore told us: "There are all kinds of courage. It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."

Behind all those who struggle to achieve and endure lies a parent or a teacher who took the time to attend to a child's earliest education. Some of the happiest moments in my life were spent cuddled up with Katie, Erin and Al—my three kids, who seem to be racing towards adulthood with uncommon speed—reading our favorite books. They are moments I would not trade for anything in the world.

So please vote "yes" on House Resolution 146 and remember the words of Dr. Seuss: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. And you can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. You know what you know. You're the guy who'll decide where you go."

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I am in strong support of Resolution 146. I urge all of my colleagues to support it. It's saddening to me, though, that at this time, when we are talking about reading and the importance of reading, how an administration that is spending so freely will continue to cut funds from a program that works very well for our young people to give them the reading first opportunity that they so deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 146.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON ITS 2009 ROSE BOWL VICTORY

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 153) commending the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 153

Whereas the University of Southern California (USC) Trojan football team achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2008 regular season;

Whereas the USC Trojan football team has now won more Rose Bowls than any other team in the Nation;

Whereas USC has achieved its seventh straight top 5 finish;

Whereas USC achieved an unprecedented seventh consecutive season of at least 11 or more victories;

Whereas USC was invited to make an unprecedented seventh consecutive Bowl Championship Series appearance;

Whereas USC won an unprecedented seventh consecutive Pacific-10 (Pac-10) Conference championship;

Whereas USC has become the first school to win 3 consecutive Rose Bowls;

Whereas USC has appeared in a record-tying fourth consecutive Rose Bowl;

Whereas USC is now tied with the record for most bowl victories of all time;

Whereas USC has won 86 of its last 96 games;

Whereas with USC's 2009 Rose Bowl victory, the Pac-10 Conference finished a perfect 5 and 0 in post-season bowl appearances;

Whereas, during the 2008 season, USC's defense was ranked number one in the Nation, holding opponents to just over 221 yards per game;

Whereas, during the 2008 season, USC featured 3 All-American first team players (linebackers Rey Maualuga, Brian Cushing, and safety Taylor Mays);

Whereas USC will feature 5 players in the Under Armour Senior Bowl game held in Mobile, Alabama (linebackers Rey Maualuga, Brian Cushing, and Clay Matthews, and defensive linemen Fili Moala and Kyle Moore);

Whereas USC head football coach Pete Carroll is 88 and 15 (85.4 percent) in 8 years (2001 to 2008) as a college head coach at USC, his record is the best winning percentage of any current NCAA Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience;

Whereas Coach Pete Carroll was featured on CBS's "60 Minutes", not only for his football accomplishments but for his work with "A Better L.A.", a nonprofit group con-

sisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities;

Whereas, in the fall of 2008, Coach Pete Carroll helped organize "LA Live Peace 08", a march and rally at the Coliseum to promote gang intervention and non-violence in Los Angeles;

Whereas the annual Rose Bowl is the oldest of all college bowl games, and its history and prestige have earned it the title "The Granddaddy of Them All";

Whereas USC has played in the Rose Bowl on 33 occasions and won 24 times, both records exceeding any other collegiate football program;

Whereas, during the 2009 Rose Bowl game, quarterback Mark Sanchez passed for a game second-best 413 yards, a game record-tying 4 touchdown passes, and ran for a touchdown;

Whereas Sanchez's efforts resulted in him being named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the game;

Whereas, during the 2009 Rose Bowl game, linebacker Kaluka Maiava made 4 tackles and 2 pass breakups, and he was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the game;

Whereas with linebacker Kaluka Maiava taking home Defensive MVP honors, each linebacker in USC's starting lineup has now been named defensive MVP of the Rose Bowl (Kaluka Maiava in 2009, Rey Maualuga in 2008, and Brian Cushing in 2007); and

Whereas, under the leadership of USC's 10th president, Steven B. Sample, USC has established itself as a world-class research university, known for its leadership in the fields of communication, media, public diplomacy, the sciences, and the arts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the University of Southern California (USC) Trojan football team and USC President Steven B. Sample for USC's victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl;

(2) applauds Coach Pete Carroll for his leadership not only on the football field, but also in the community; and

(3) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Southern California win the Rose Bowl.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. McKEON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 153 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Southern California Trojan football team for their victory in the 2009 NCAA Rose Bowl game.

On January 1, the USC Trojans and the Penn State Lions squared off for an intense Rose Bowl football game. Defeating the tough Lions team by a score of 38-24, the USC Trojans won their third consecutive championship.

USC has played in a record-tying four consecutive Rose Bowls. And now, USC is tied for the most Bowl victories of all time at 31 victories. They have been to the Rose Bowl on 33 occasions and won 24 of those games.

Winning 86 of its last 96 games and finishing the season with an impressive 12-1 record, USC stands out as a premiere academic and athletic institution. They have won seven consecutive Pac-10 conference championships. With all the amazing teams across the country, USC sets themselves apart with their athletic success.

Congratulations are in order for Mark Sanchez, the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player. He threw for 413 yards and four touchdowns, and he still found a way to rush for one touchdown. He ran the offense flawlessly, with no interceptions, while posting 24 unanswered points in the second quarter, leading to a 38-24 victory.

Congratulations are also in order for Kaluka Maiava, the game's Defensive Most Valuable Player. Mr. Maiava made four tackles and two pass break-ups. As one of the three elite USC linebackers, Kaluka Maiava has led USC's number one ranked defense this entire season.

I want to extend my congratulations to head coach Pete Carroll. He has only brought success to this program; he took over 8 years ago. Coach Carroll has established an 88-15 win-loss record at USC—the best winning percentage of any current NCAA Division I coach with at least 5 years experience.

Besides coaching, Coach Carroll works with non-profit organizations to reduce gang violence in Los Angeles, California. His leadership and commitment to his team and city have brought him fame and a place in college football history.

The extraordinary achievement this year is a tribute to the skill and dedication of the many players, coaches, students, alumni, families and fans that have helped make the University of California a great football program. I know the fans of the University will revel in this accomplishment as they look forward to the 2009 season.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate the University of Southern California football team for their success. And I thank Congresswoman WATSON for bringing this resolution forward.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the gentlelady from California (Ms. WATSON) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my two colleagues for allowing me this time, and I rise in strong support of H. Res. 153. This is the resolution that is honoring the University of Southern California—"USC," as we call it in my district—Trojan football team for their historic 2009 Rose Bowl victory.

During the 2008-2009 season, USC achieved several historic feats, with seven being the magic number. The Trojan football team finished the season with an unmatched seventh consecutive season with 11 or more vic-

tories. They appeared in an unprecedented seventh consecutive Bowl championship series game. Then the team won an unparalleled seventh consecutive Pac-10 title, and achieved a seven straight Top 5 finish.

USC defeated Penn State by a score of 38-24 in the 2009 Rose Bowl game, and I was there to witness it. With the win, USC became the first team to win three consecutive Rose Bowls. Also, USC has won now more Rose Bowls than any other collegiate football team in the Nation. They are now tied for the record for the most Bowl victories of all time.

USC's coach, Pete Carroll, completed yet another successful season. Since becoming head football coach in 2001, Carroll is 88 and 15, an average 85.4 percent win. Coach Carroll's winning percentage is the best among any NCAA Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience.

USC's quarterback, Mark Sanchez, threw for 413 yards and a record-tying four touchdown passes. For his performance, Sanchez was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the game.

USC's linebacker, Kaluka Maiava, made four tackles and two pass break-ups. For his performance, Maiava was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the game.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 153. Let's recognize the achievements of the players, the coaches, the students, the alumni and staff who were instrumental in helping USC win the 2009 Rose Bowl.

□ 1300

I would like to thank my colleague for yielding to me.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 153, commending the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl.

The USC Trojan football team achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2008 regular season but few as meaningful as its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl. With this victory the USC Trojans have now won more Rose Bowls than any other team in the Nation.

Known as "The Granddaddy of Them All," the Rose Bowl game kicked off a myriad of college football legacies in 1902. Since then the game has showcased 18 Heisman Trophy winners, produced 28 national champions, featured 197 consensus All-Americans, and honored 95 college football legends by inducting them into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

At the conclusion of the 2008 season, USC's football team has won seven straight conference championships and played in seven consecutive BCS bowls, both NCAA records. They are 6-1 in those big games, 5-0 against Big Ten teams such as Penn State, and 82-9 since the beginning of the 2002 season.

They have also won 11 or more games in seven straight seasons, another record, and have played in four straight Rose Bowls, winning three.

The success of this team can be directly attributed to the vision of its head coach, Pete Carroll. Coach Carroll brought big doses of experience, enthusiasm, and leadership in his quest to revive the USC football program when he was named the Trojans' head football coach on December 15, 2000. The 56-year-old Carroll has 33 years of NFL and college experience, including 15 on the college level. Under Carroll USC is the first school to have three Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. In addition, Coach Carroll has produced 30 All-American first teamers and 42 NFL draft picks, and his last six recruiting classes have been ranked in the top 10 nationally.

While the tradition of excellence certainly presents itself on the gridiron, the University of Southern California's commitment to academic excellence is equally abundant. Located in Los Angeles, Ms. WATSON's district, a global center for arts, technology, and international trade, the University of Southern California is one of the world's leading private research universities. USC enrolls more international students than any other U.S. university and offers extensive opportunities for internships and study abroad. With a strong tradition of integrating liberal and professional education, USC fosters a vibrant culture of public service and encourages students to cross academic and geographic boundaries in their pursuit of knowledge.

I extend my congratulations to Head Coach Pete Carroll, all of the hard-working players, the fans, and to the University of Southern California. I'm happy to join my good friend and colleague Representative DIANE WATSON in honoring this exceptional team for all its accomplishments and wish all involved continued success.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 153.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) at 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 146, de novo;

H.R. 548, de novo;

H. Res. 77, by the yeas and nays.

Proceedings will resume on H. Res. 146 and H. Res. 153 tomorrow.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 146, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 146, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 394, nays 13, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 91]

YEAS—394

Abercrombie	Barton (TX)	Bonner
Ackerman	Bean	Bono Mack
Aderholt	Becerra	Boozman
Adler (NJ)	Berkley	Boren
Akin	Berman	Boswell
Alexander	Berry	Boucher
Altmire	Biggert	Boustany
Andrews	Bilbray	Boyd
Arcuri	Bilirakis	Brady (PA)
Austria	Bishop (GA)	Brady (TX)
Bachmann	Bishop (NY)	Braley (IA)
Bachus	Bishop (UT)	Bright
Baird	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Baldwin	Blumenauer	Brown-Waite,
Barrett (SC)	Blunt	Ginny
Barrow	Boccieri	Burgess
Bartlett	Boehner	Burton (IN)

Butterfield	Harper	Meek (FL)	Smith (NE)	Thompson (PA)	Watson
Buyer	Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Smith (NJ)	Thornberry	Watt
Calvert	Hastings (WA)	Melancon	Smith (TX)	Tiberi	Waxman
Camp	Heinrich	Mica	Smith (WA)	Tierney	Weiner
Cantor	Heller	Michaud	Souder	Titus	Welch
Cao	Hensarling	Miller (FL)	Space	Tonko	Westmoreland
Capito	Herger	Miller (MI)	Spratt	Towns	Wexler
Capps	Herseth Sandlin	Miller (NC)	Stearns	Tsongas	Whitfield
Capuano	Higgins	Miller, George	Stupak	Turner	Wilson (OH)
Cardoza	Hill	Minnick	Sullivan	Upton	Wilson (SC)
Carnahan	Himes	Mitchell	Sutton	Van Hollen	Wittman
Carney	Hincheey	Mollohan	Tanner	Velázquez	Wolf
Carson (IN)	Hinojosa	Moore (KS)	Tauscher	Visclosky	Woolsey
Carter	Hirono	Moore (WI)	Taylor	Walden	Wu
Cassidy	Hodes	Moran (KS)	Teague	Walz	Yarmuth
Castle	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)	Terry	Wamp	Young (AK)
Castor (FL)	Holden	Murphy (CT)	Thompson (CA)	Wasserman	
Chandler	Holt	Murphy, Patrick	Thompson (MS)	Schultz	
Childers	Honda	Murphy, Tim			
Clay	Hoyer	Murtha			
Cleaver	Hunter	Myrick			
Clyburn	Inglis	Nadler (NY)			
Coble	Inslee	Napolitano			
Coffman (CO)	Israel	Neal (MA)			
Cohen	Issa	Neugebauer			
Cole	Jackson (IL)	Nunes			
Conaway	Jackson-Lee	Nye			
Connolly (VA)	(TX)	Oberstar			
Conyers	Johnson (IL)	Obey			
Cooper	Johnson, E. B.	Olson			
Costa	Johnson, Sam	Oliver			
Costello	Jones	Ortiz			
Courtney	Jordan (OH)	Pallone			
Crenshaw	Kagen	Pascarell			
Crowley	Kanjorski	Pastor (AZ)			
Cuellar	Kennedy	Paulsen			
Culberson	Kildee	Payne			
Cummings	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pence			
Dahlkemper	Kilroy	Perlmutter			
Davis (AL)	Kind	Peters			
Davis (CA)	King (NY)	Peterson			
Davis (IL)	Kingston	Petri			
Davis (KY)	Kirk	Pingree (ME)			
Davis (TN)	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Pitts			
Deal (GA)	Kissell	Platts			
DeFazio	Klein (FL)	Poe (TX)			
DeGette	Kline (MN)	Polis (CO)			
Delahunt	Kosmas	Pomeroy			
DeLauro	Kratovil	Posey			
Dent	Kucinich	Price (GA)			
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lamborn	Price (NC)			
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lance	Radanovich			
Dicks	Langevin	Rahall			
Dingell	Larsen (WA)	Rangel			
Doggett	Larson (CT)	Rehberg			
Donnelly (IN)	Latham	Reichert			
Doyle	LaTourette	Reyes			
Dreier	Latta	Rodriguez			
Driehaus	Lee (NY)	Roe (TN)			
Edwards (TX)	Levin	Rogers (AL)			
Ellsworth	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (KY)			
Emerson	Linder	Rogers (MI)			
Engel	Lipinski	Rooney			
Eshoo	LoBiondo	Roskam			
Etheridge	Loeb sack	Ross			
Fallin	Lofgren, Zoe	Rothman (NJ)			
Farr	Lowe y	Roybal-Allard			
Fattah	Lucas	Ruppersberger			
Filner	Luetkemeyer	Rush			
Fleming	Luján	Ryan (OH)			
Forbes	Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (WI)			
Fortenberry	E.	Salazar			
Foster	Lynch	Sánchez, Linda			
Fox x	Mack	T.			
Frank (MA)	Maffei	Sanchez, Loretta			
Frelinghuysen	Maloney	Sarbanes			
Gallely	Marchant	Scalise			
Garrett (NJ)	Markey (CO)	Schakowsky			
Gerlach	Markey (MA)	Schauer			
Giffords	Marshall	Schiff			
Gingrey (GA)	Massa	Schmidt			
Gohmert	Matheson	Schock			
Gonzalez	Matsui	Schrader			
Goodlatte	McCarthy (CA)	Schwartz			
Gordon (TN)	McCarthy (NY)	Scott (GA)			
Granger	McCaul	Scott (VA)			
Graves	McClintock	Sensenbrenner			
Grayson	McCollum	Serrano			
Green, Al	McCotter	Sessions			
Green, Gene	McDermott	Sestak			
Griffith	McGovern	Shea-Porter			
Grijalva	McHenry	Sherman			
Guthrie	McHugh	Shimkus			
Gutierrez	McIntyre	Shuler			
Hall (NY)	McKeon	Shuster			
Hall (TX)	McMahon	Simpson			
Halvorson	McMorris	Sires			
Hare	Rodgers	Skelton			
Harman	McNerney	Slaughter			

NAYS—13

Broun (GA)
Chaffetz
Duncan
Flake
Franks (AZ)

Jenkins
Lummis
Manzullo
Paul
Rohrabacher

Royce
Shadegg
Tiahrt

NOT VOTING—24

Baca
Brown, Corrine
Buchanan
Campbell
Clarke
Edwards (MD)
Ehlers
Ellison

Fudge
Johnson (GA)
Kaptur
King (IA)
Lee (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Miller, Gary
Perriello

Putnam
Richardson
Ros-Lehtinen
Snyder
Speier
Stark
Waters
Young (FL)

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Ms. JENKINS and Messrs. TIAHRT, DUNCAN, FRANKS of Arizona, ROYCE, and ROHRABACHER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. SHUSTER changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 91, I was not present because of the birth of my grandson. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 548, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 548, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.